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2012 d'ARENBERG THE OLIVE GROVE CHARDONNAY

WINEMAKER :	Chester Osborn
REGION :	McLaren Vale, South Australia
VARIETALS :	Chardonnay
MATURATION :	1/3 in new and older French and American oak for 7 months
ANALYSIS :	13.8% alc/vol 7.4 g/L TA 3.12 pH

BACKGROUND :

Since settlement in the 1840s, olive trees have thrived in McLaren Vale's costal environment. Birds feed on the ripe fruit in the trees then try to carry them back to their nests. Many a stone is dropped from the sky, and there is a good chance an olive tree will pop up where it lands resulting in plenty of rogue trees along the roadsides when touring McLaren Vale.

WINEMAKING :

The grapes passed through the gentle Demoisy rubber tooth crusher before going into specially designed stainless steel basket presses. Gentle extraction of the juice is critical in these stages to retain the delicate Chardonnay characters. A small percentage of this wine underwent wild fermentation and was subject to lees stirring for complexity and mouth feel. Maturation was undertaken in a mixture of new and old French and old American barrels and stainless steel tanks. No malolactic fermentation took place to retain the wine's fresh, natural acidity which is integral to the balance and longevity of the wine.

TASTING NOTES :

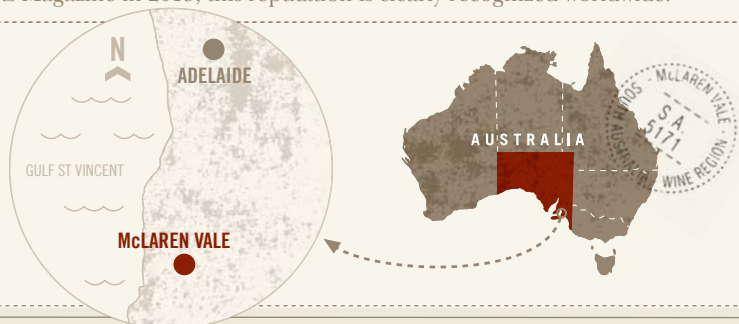
The nose is aromatic and lifted with white flowers, tropical fruits, granny smith apples and white nectarine. Full flavoured and textured but with a vibrant acidity and a long lingering finish, this wine delivers a plethora of stone fruit, blossoms and savory notes. The oak influence is minimal allowing the true flavors of the fruit to shine.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM :

90 pts Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar

ABOUT d'ARENBERG :

One of the undisputed kings of Australian Shiraz and Rhone varietals, d'Arenberg has managed to turn individuality into an art form by doing a whole lot of little things differently. The original vineyards were established by Joseph Osborn in 1912 in the McLaren Vale region of South Australia. A century on, the estate has grown to 345 acres, and the mantle now rests with fourth-generation winemaker Chester Osborn. By maintaining a focus on traditional winemaking and nurturing their old-vine material, the Osborn clan has successfully established themselves as one of the country's leading producers of concentrated, characterful wines. Ranked as one of the Top 100 Wineries and Top Value Brands in the world by Wine & Spirits Magazine in 2013, this reputation is clearly recognized worldwide.



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